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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to reduce the grants to Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) working for disabled;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to encourage and help NGOs working in this field?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) The Scheme titled Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilitiesenables the voluntary sector to take up welfare projects in the area of education, training and rehabilitation of the Disabled. Under the Scheme eligible organizations can apply for financial assistance for setting up special schools, vocational training centers, sheltered workshops, day care centers, rehabilitation centers providing therapeutic and counseling services, placement services for the disabled persons. Homes and vocational training centres for persons cured of leprosy are also supported.

The reduction or enhancement of amount of grant to a non-governmental organization in any year depends, interalia, upon a number of factors such as no. of beneficiaries found present, the budget estimates of the organisation and recommendation of the inspecting agency on various cost items, extent of utilisation of grant of previous years, compliance of documentary and other informational requirements, actual expenditure, availability of budget under the Scheme and changes in parameters, etc.

The effort towards encouragement of the voluntary sector is seen from the growth in the expenditure under the Scheme and the NGOs assisted. During 97-98 the total disbursement under the earlier versions of the Scheme was around Rs.20 crores released to around 400 organizations. The expenditure has grown to around Rs.62 crores spread over around 534 organizations during 2000-01.